

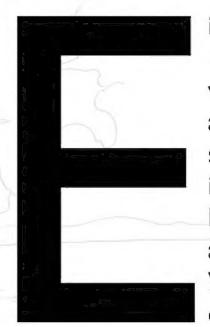




If I were to liken creating a manga to a game, I would say it's like *Tetris*. I take all the ideas that are scattered inside my head like pieces of a puzzle and put them together into a story. And whenever I'm having trouble making the pieces fit, I take a break from manga and play some actual *Tetris*! When I envision the blocks building up one after another in my head, I think to myself, "*Tetris is so much fun!* Yippee!"

-Eiichiro Oda, 2003





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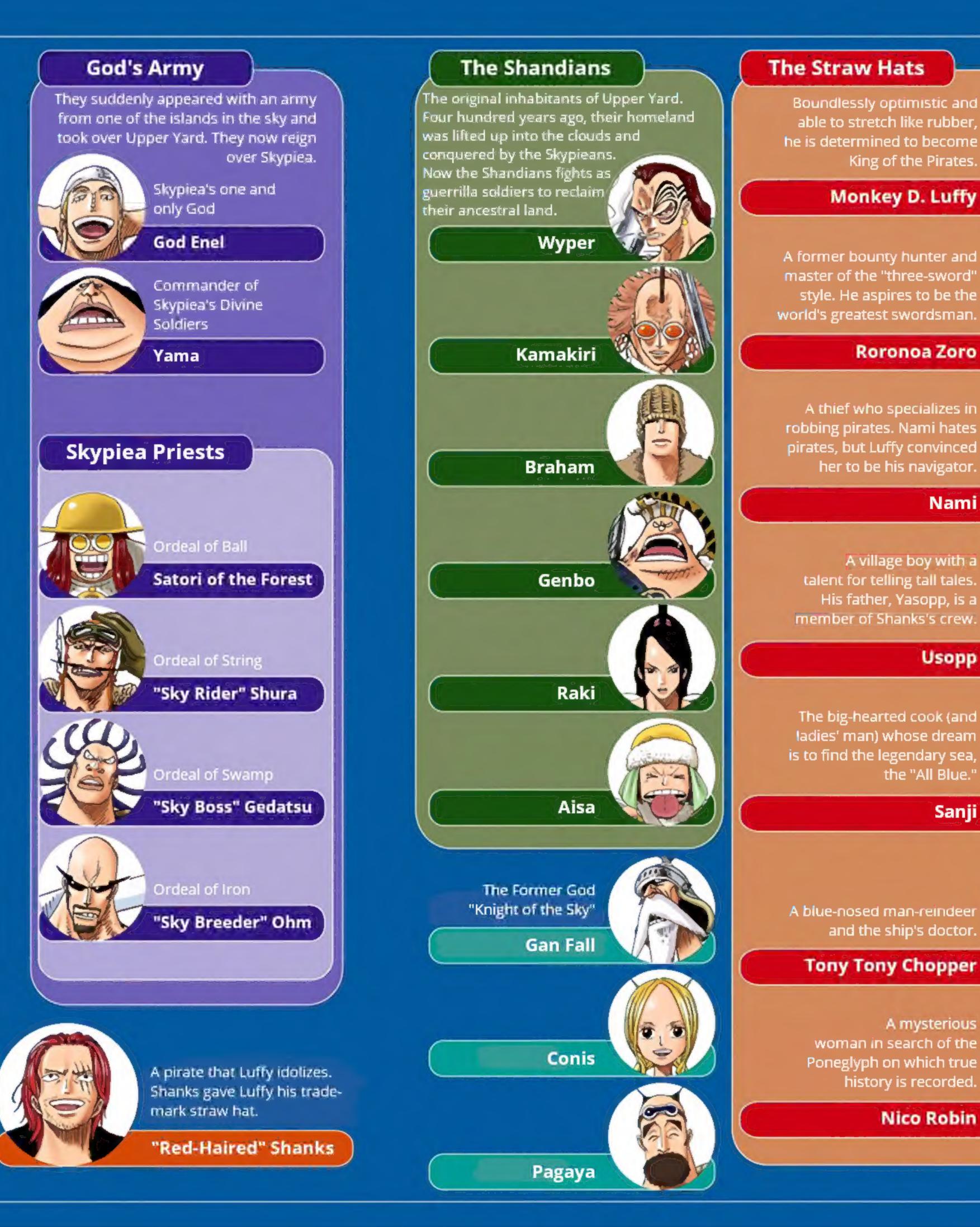
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onkey D. Luffy started out as just a kid with a dreamto become the greatest pirate in history! Stirred by the tales of pirate "Red-Haired" Shanks. Luffy vowed to become a pirate himself. That was before the enchanted Devil Fruit gave Luffy the power to stretch like rubber, at the cost of being unable to swim-a serious handicap for an aspiring sea dog. Undeterred, Luffy set out to sea and recruited some crewmates-master swordsman Zoro; treasure-hunting thief Nami: lying sharpshooter Usopp; the highkicking chef Sanji; Chopper, the walkin' talkin' reindeer doctor; and Robin, the cool and crafty archaeologist.

When Robin tell them that there is an island in the sky. Luffy decides to make a detour for this new realm, Skypiea! After surviving a few less-thanwarm welcomes, the crew makes an amazing discovery. It turns out Upper Yard, the only place among the sky islands made of soil, is actually the other half of Jaya, the island back on the ground! Which means it's also the location of the fabled city of gold, El Dorado! The search for treasure begins. But Upper Yard is under attack from Shandian guerrilla fighters who seek to reclaim the land from the Skypieans and their tyrant leader Enel. Worse still, Luffy's crew has been separated!



Volume 28

A mysterious



Sanji

Usopp

Nami







Wyper the Berserker

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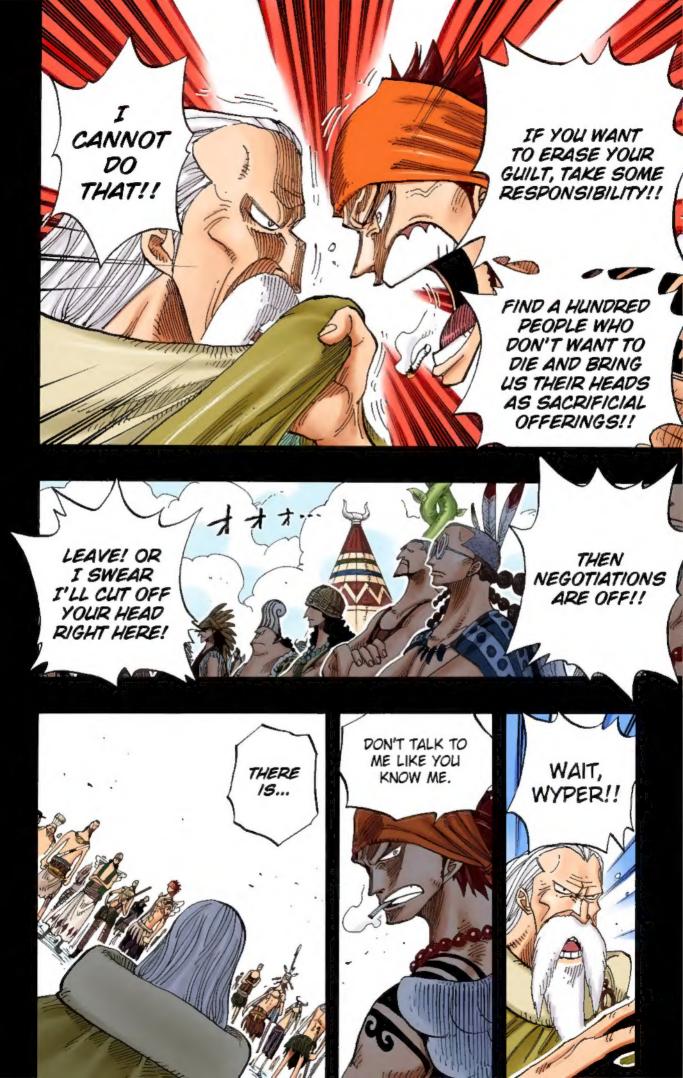
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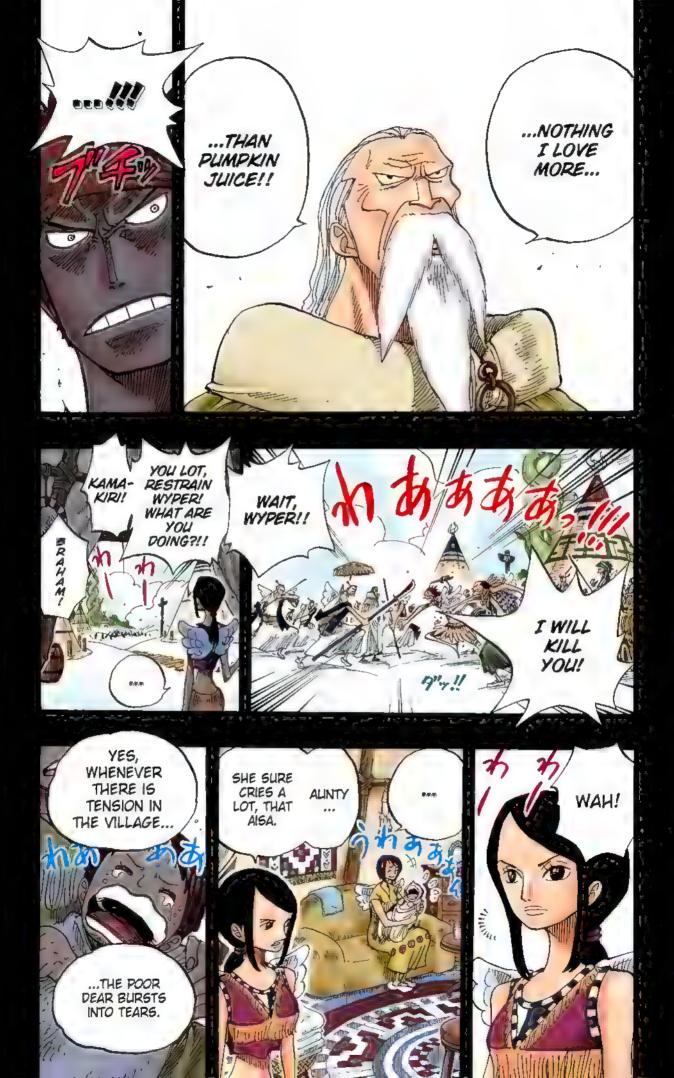


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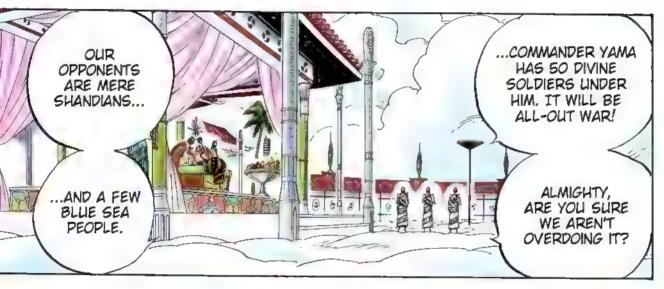


















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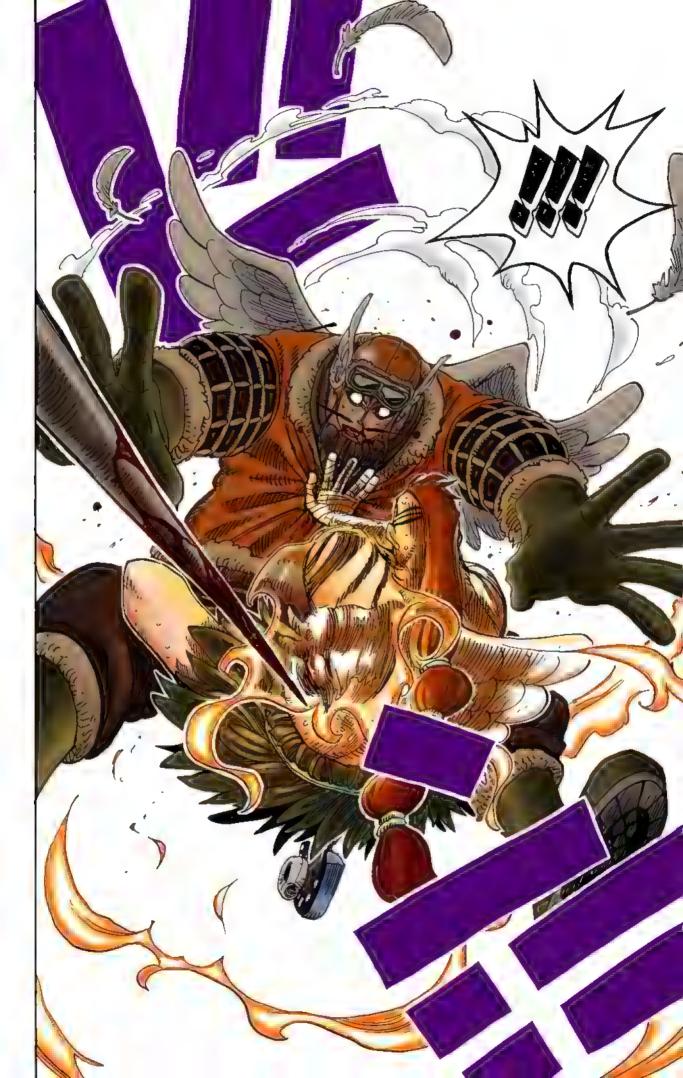
















Reader: Hello, Oda Sensei. Let me tell you about my dream! One Piece has inspired me to become an animator. And so it would mean a lot to me if you would let me say it, just this once! Please!! And now... "For all you One Piece readers, let's begin the Question Corner!!" Ahh, I said it. Thank you very much.

-- Octopus Girl

Oda: Choke!! Gasp!! Dah!! Huff Huff... Whoa, that was close. I nearly couldn't pull my finger out of my nose. Everyone, when picking your nose, be careful not to stick your finger too far up! Anyway, it seems like we've begun the Question Corner!

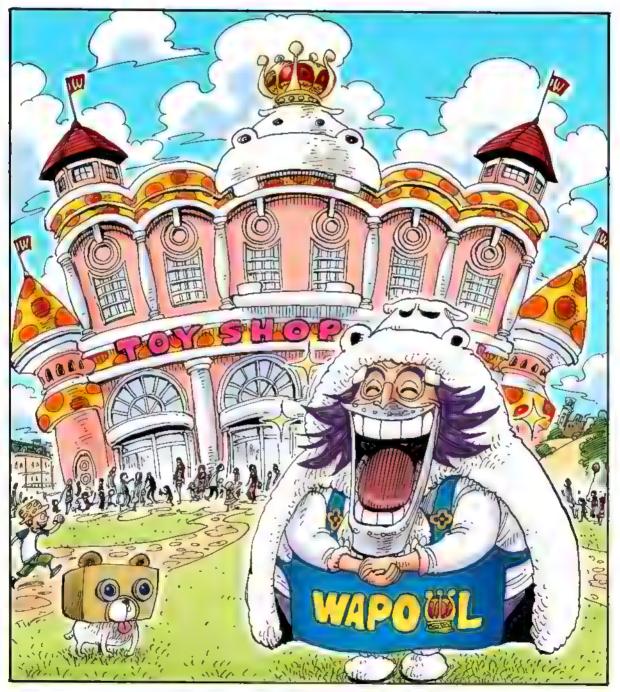
- Q: O great and wise Oda Sensei, May I ask one--JUST ONE--question? Can I? Huh?! Okay?! Yes!! Well then, I humbly ask you this one question: WHAT SPECIES ARE YOU?!
- A: I'm human, you idiot! Okay, next!!
- Q: Hello!! I know it's sudden, but I came up with a new technique for Luffy. I'm gonna try it out on you, Odacchi, so counter it. Gum-Gum GUM!! How was that?

-- Gramps

A: Agh! | got hit! It's a Bit...gummy! Hmm. How was that? Okay? Anyway, moving on...

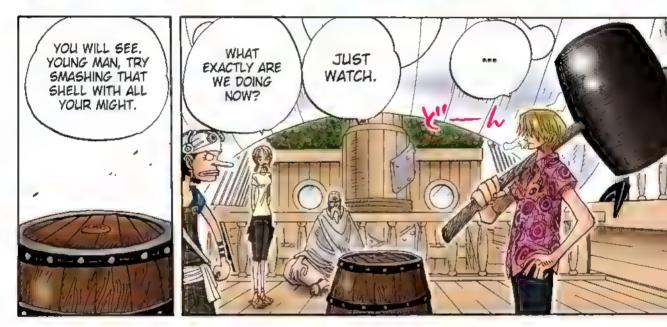


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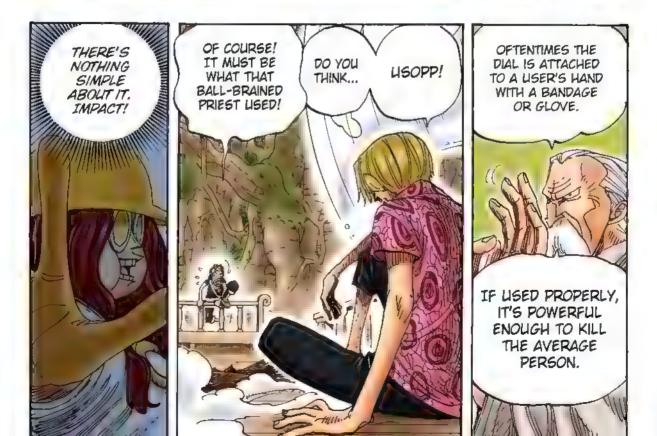


















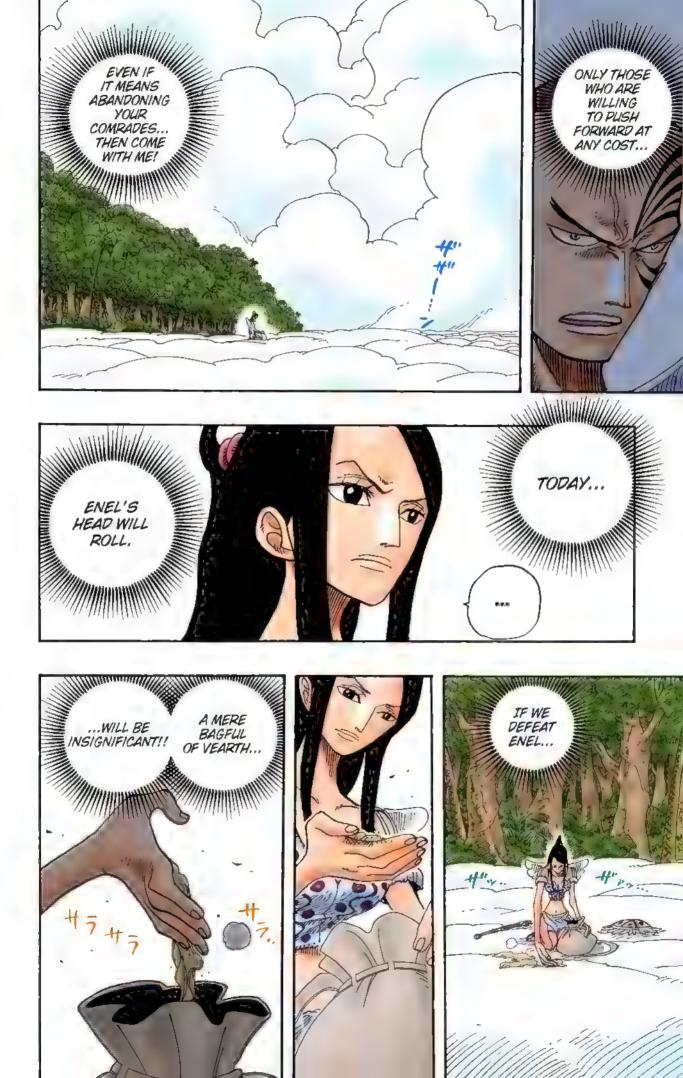










































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- Q: Hello! Oda Sensei! In volume 25, you said that "manga is about people's dreams." Your words really made an impression on me. However, there's one strange thing. In my dreams, Nami only appears in bikinis, but in the manga, she's usually fully dressed. Why is that?
- A: A super-skimpy Nami, eh? Well, if you'll remember, we did see her in the Bath. That's even more skimpy than a Bikini! And come to think of it, Vivi was shown in nothing But a towel. How skimpy do you want her to Be?! I'll try harder next time.
- Q: If Nico Robin were to spout limbs all over her body, how many would that be? 200 Flower-Flower?

-- Tomoya

A: HMM ... Yes. About that.

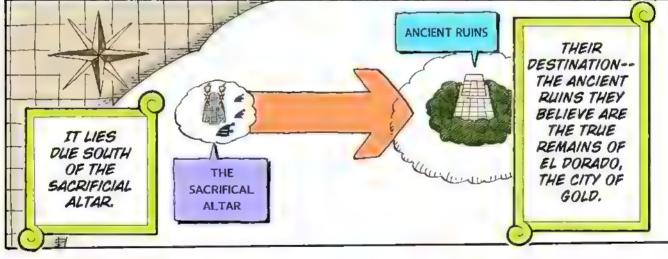
- Q: Oda Sensei!!! Recently, my father said, "One Piece is a really weird manga." I almost ended up correcting him by saying, "Wrong!!
 One Piece is a really great manga!!" (seriously).
- A: Oh, so you only thought it?! Say it out loud! Let's say it all together now!! "One Piece is a really weird Manga!!" Yahoo! It's springtime.
- Q: Oda Sensei, in One Piece, the characters often talk about "will." I never hear "will" used that way outside of manga. What does it mean? Do your other readers know what it means? Please tell me!
 A: "Will," like "willpower," means having a strong heart. When a person has an intense desire, his will is strong. Strong-willed people are quite fascinating, don't you think?

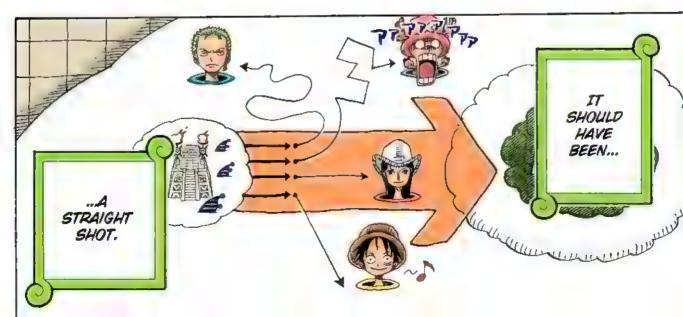
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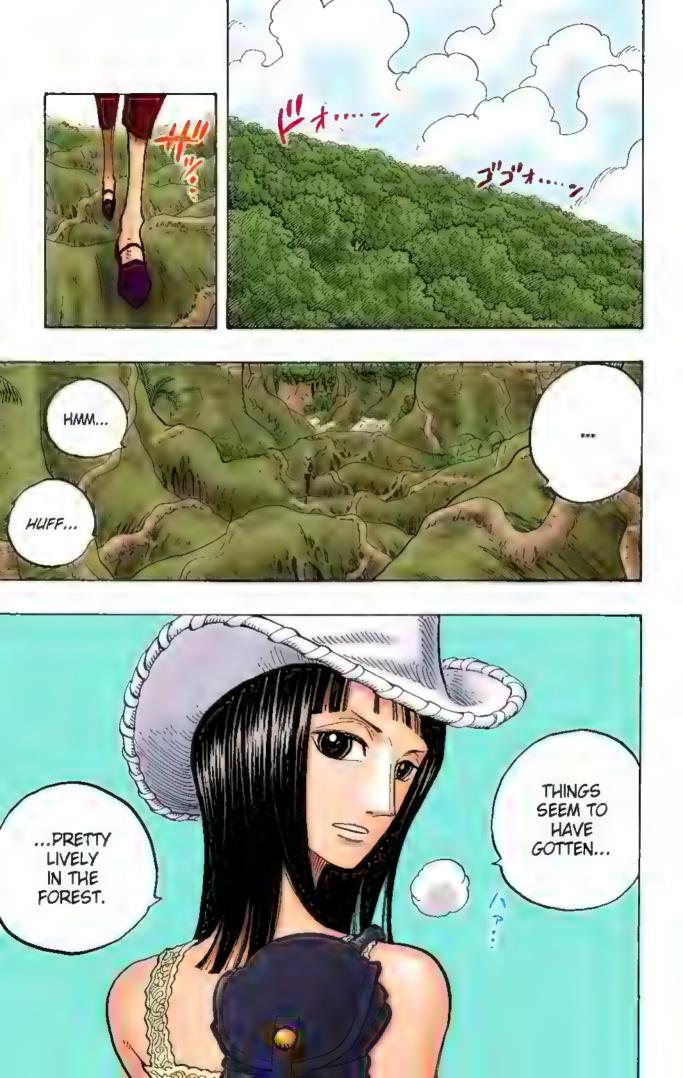








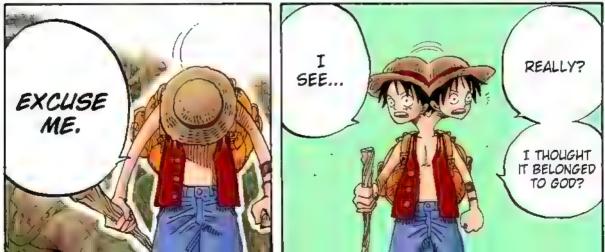
































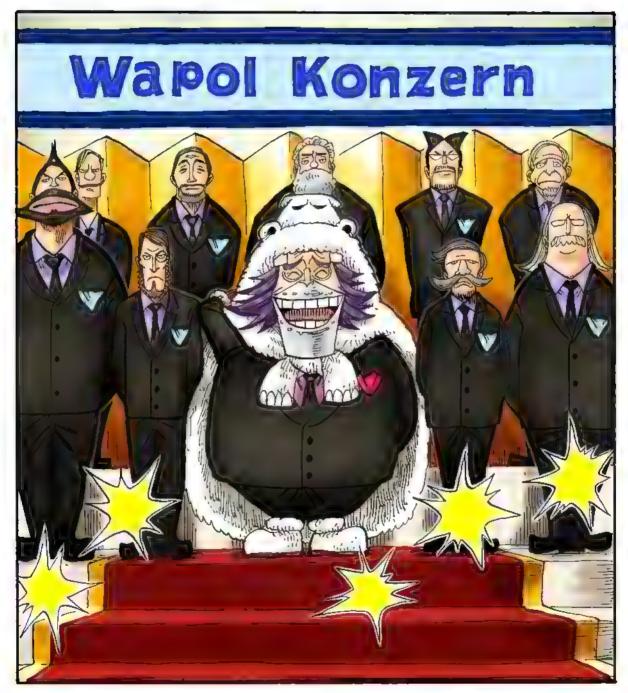






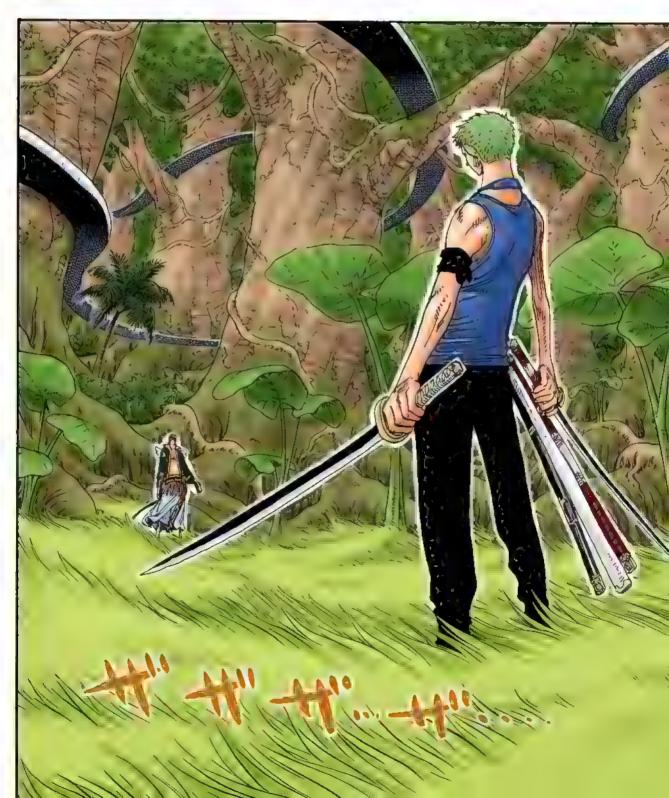


Chapter 259: PIRATE ZORO VS. WARRIOR BRAHAM



WAPOL'S OMNIVOROUS HURRAH VOLUME 21: "THE UPSTART 'WAPOL CONGLOMERATE'"





























































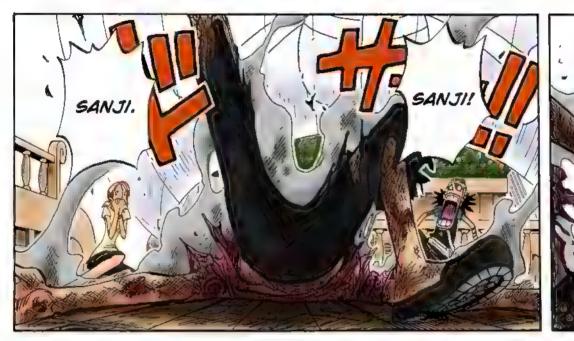






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Chapter 260: PIRATE LUFFY VS. BERSERKER WYPER























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Q: Yo! Odacchi! I can't even do my homework when I think about this, so please hear me out! I don't remember in which volume's Question Corner, but you mentioned that as you draw One Piece your face makes the same expressions as the characters'. If that's true, Odacchi, then you must be able to pop your eyeballs out.
A: Yes, I am able to. I mean, of course. When I'm surprised, it's much more dramatic than my drawings. My personal Best for eye-popping is 18 shockers. The world record is 84 shockers. Everyone, please do your Best too.

A:

Q: Were the Seven Warlords of the Sea inspired by the "privateers" employed by England and France as desperate measures against Spain, whose navy then ruled the seas? I read that these privateers were allowed by their governments to pillage and plunder Spanish ships and towns in exchange for a portion of their take.

> Oh, BOy, a serious question (SOB). Yes! Privateers! Simply put, they are pirates that were legalized by their nations.

Long ago, such people did exist. They were considered heroes in their own lands and vile plunderers by others.

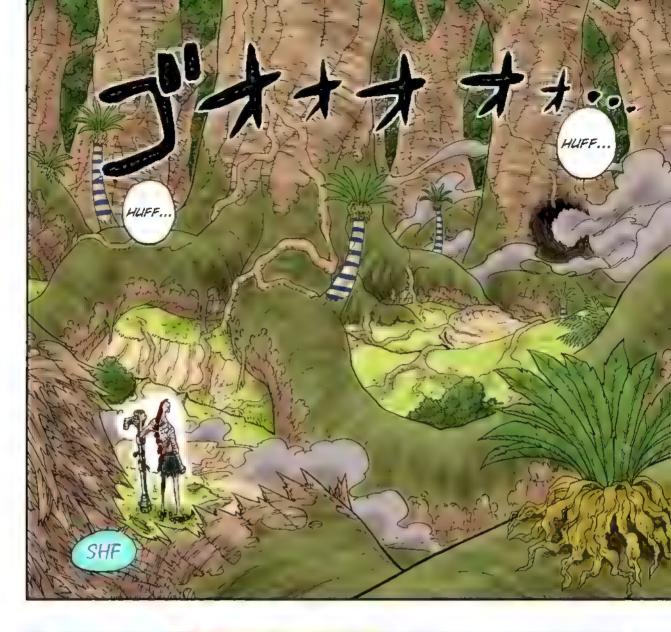
If one looks at history, pirates were not always labeled as criminals. At times, they were considered useful. Now whether or not this is a good thing is another matter. Pirates are pirates, after all. Sometimes, even the most dastardly of crimes can sometimes be mistaken for justice.



Chapter 261: WARRIOR GENBO VS. DIVINE SOLDIERS COMMANDER YAMA



WAPOL'S OMNIVOROUS HURRAH VOLUME 22: "I MARRY MISS UNIVERSE"





















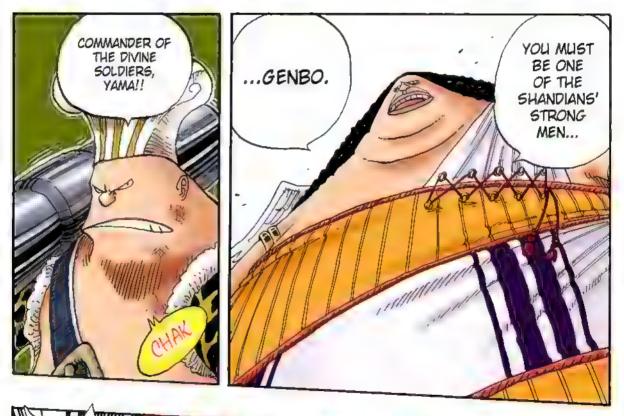














































Q:

Hello, Mr. Oda! I have something I'd like to ask you. In volume 25, there's a scene with Whitebeard on pages 158–159. What I'd like to ask

is why are all the nurses around him wearing leopard print tights? Was it just coincidence? Or is it that the world's strongest man, the great pirate "Whitebeard" Edward Newgate, likes leopards prints?♥ Please tell me the secret, Mr. Oda! Leopard prints!♥



- A: Leopard prints have the feel of ... wildness, y' know? They're great. Speaking of which, it seems there's an increase in nurses wearing pants at hospitals lately. Isn't that sad? Makes me wanna cry. I mean, that's what WhiteBeard said. Yeah, WhiteBeard! "I highly recommended that all nurses wear such uniforms!" said WhiteBeard. WhiteBeard. That selfish old fart!
- Q: Hello, Oda Sensei! I want to become a manga artist, and I'm thinking of submitting my work to *Weekly Shonen Jump* magazine, but there's something I don't quite understand. Does the manga that I submit need to have special features like screen tones? Also, where would I get such things? I'm serious, so please tell me!

-- A passionate, amateur manga-making guy

A: Sure thing. I receive LOTS of questions along these lines. Maybe sometime soon, I'll do a page that explains the basics of drawing manga. For manga-drawing materials, you can't just go to any old stationary shop. Go to an art store. The shop clerks there can help you out.



Chapter 262: PIRATE CHOPPER VS. PRIEST GEDATSU



WAPOL'S OMNIVOROUS HURRAH FINAL VOLUME: "THE REBIRTH OF TERRIBLE POWER!! WAPOL'S INSIGNIA STRETCHES TO ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD"









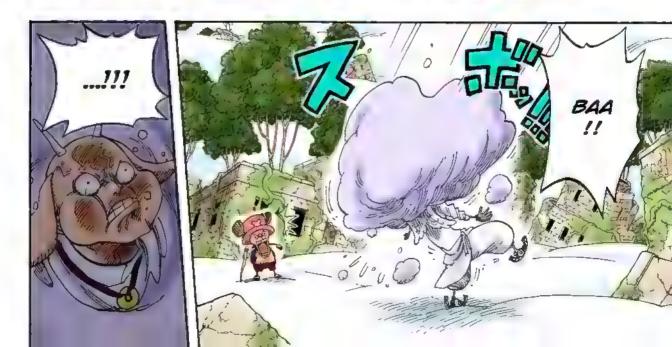






















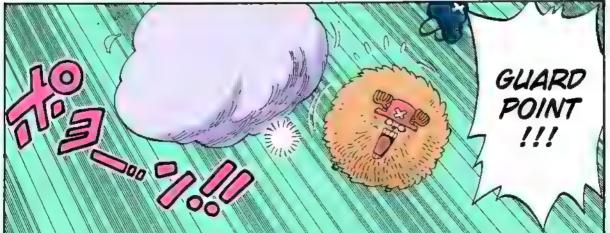






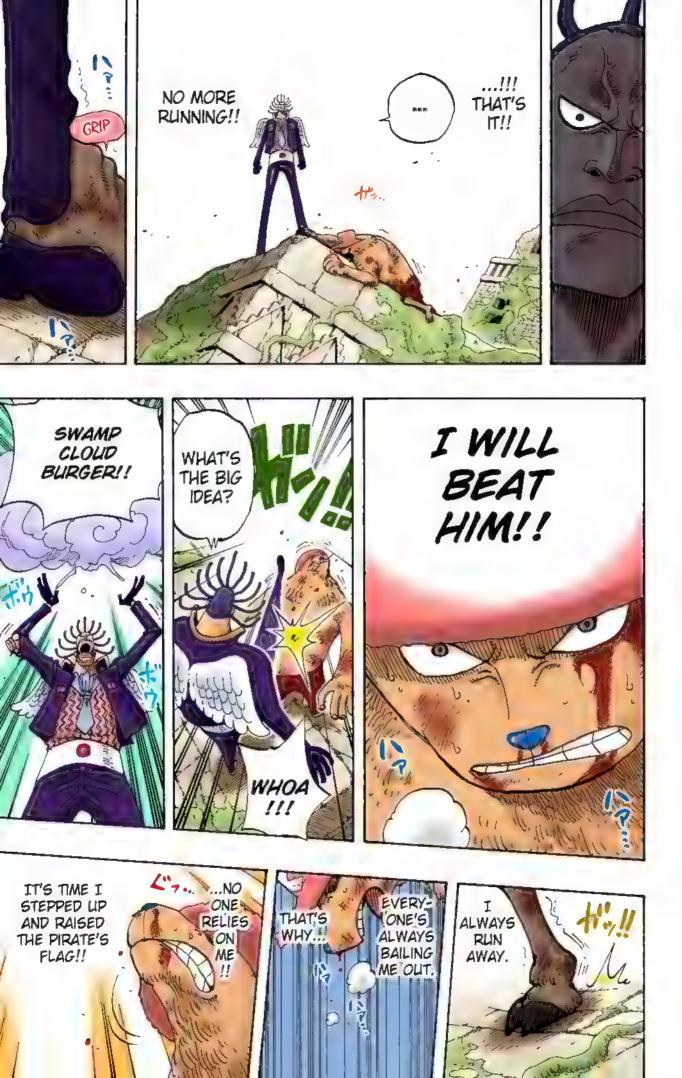






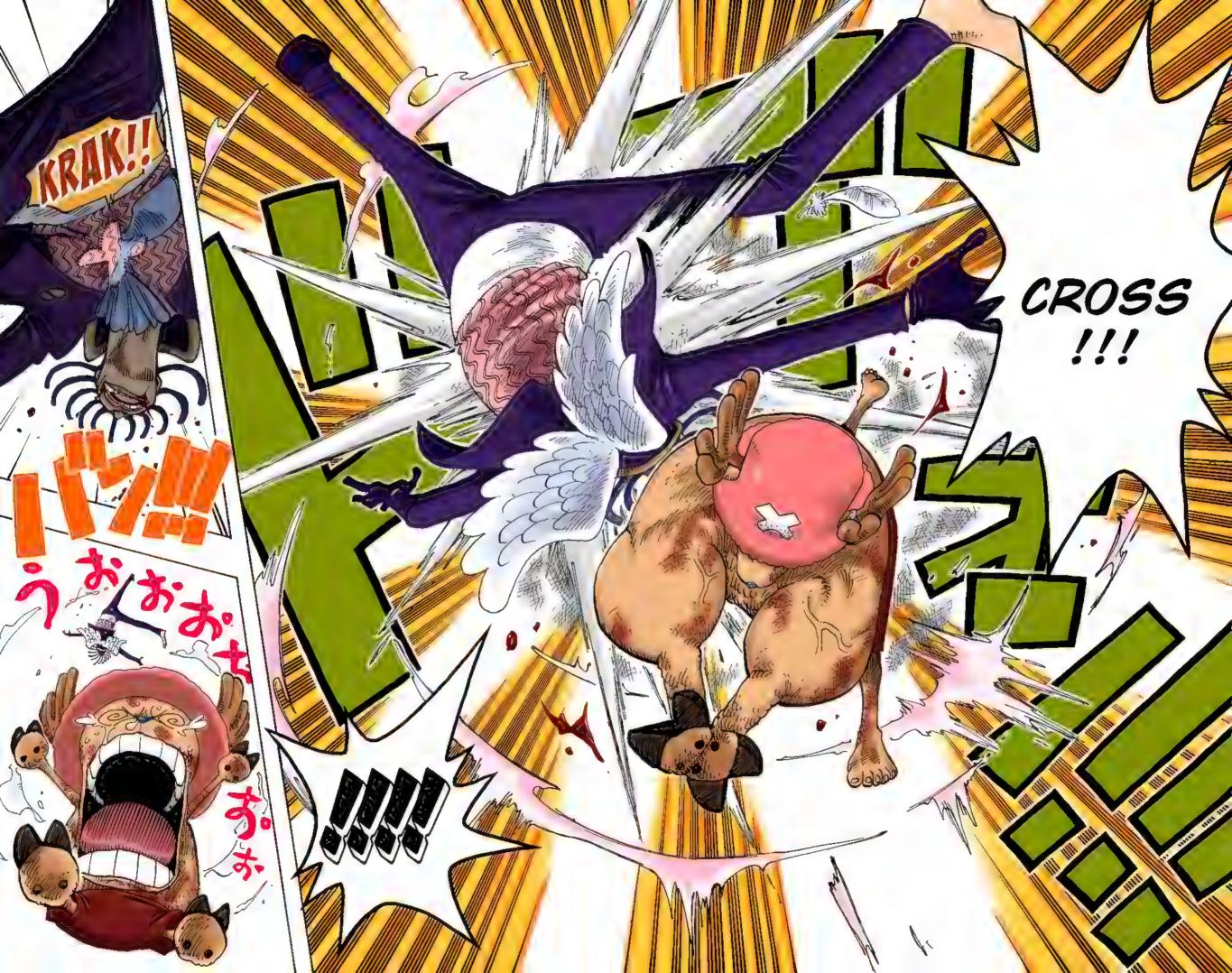


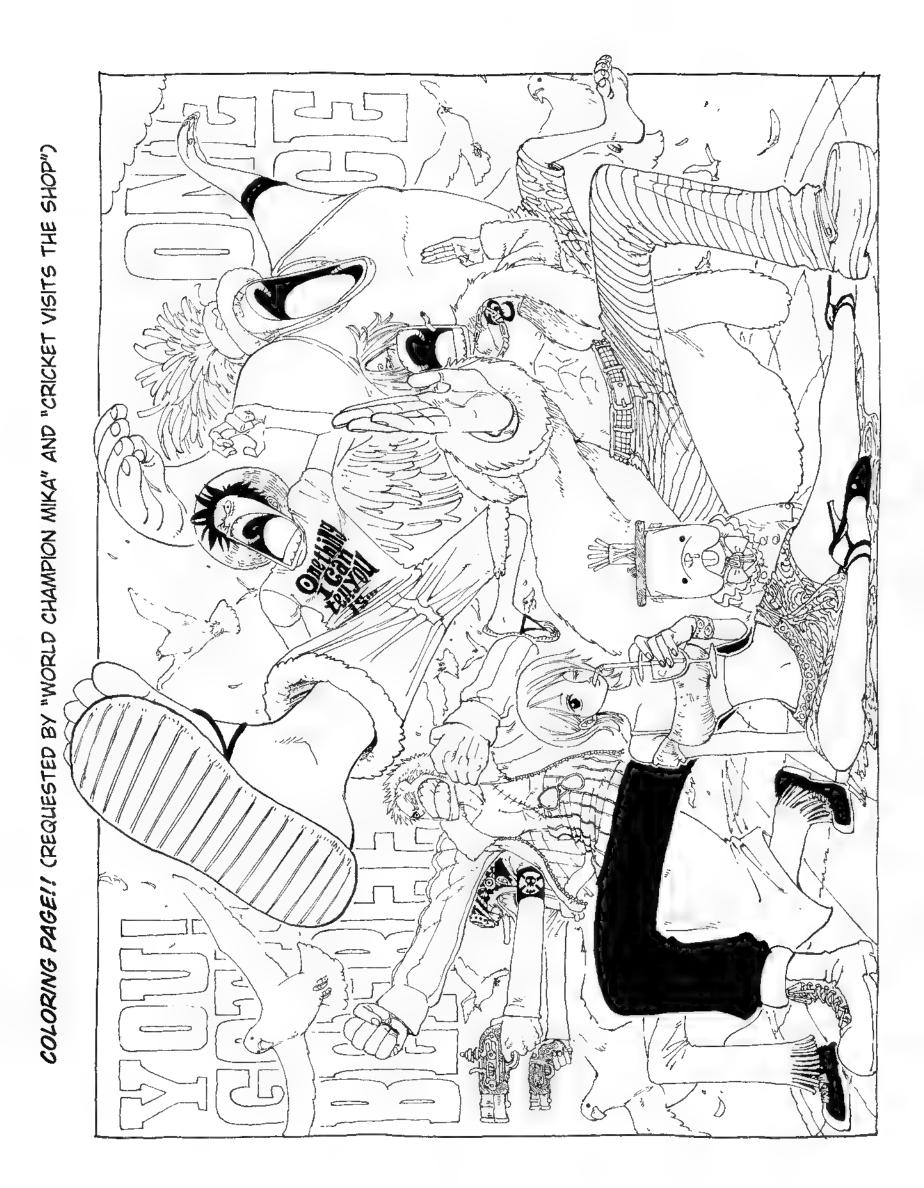






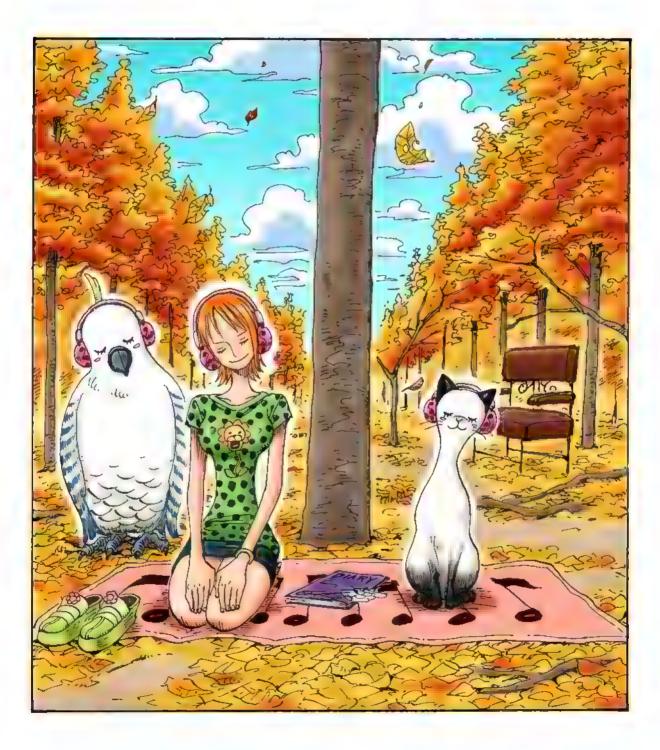








Chapter 263: PIRATE NAMI AND THE WEIRD KNIGHT VS. DIVINE SOLDIERS LIEUTENANTS HOTORI AND KOTORI











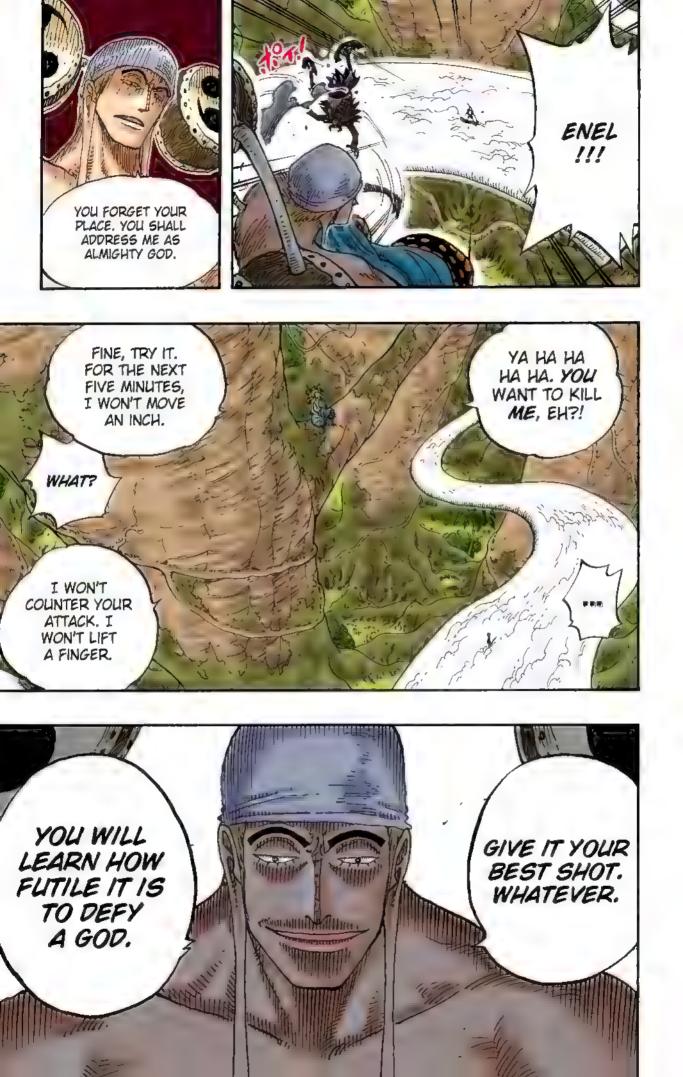














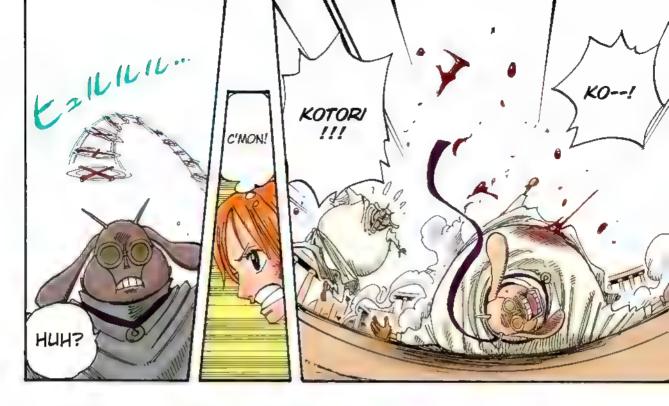


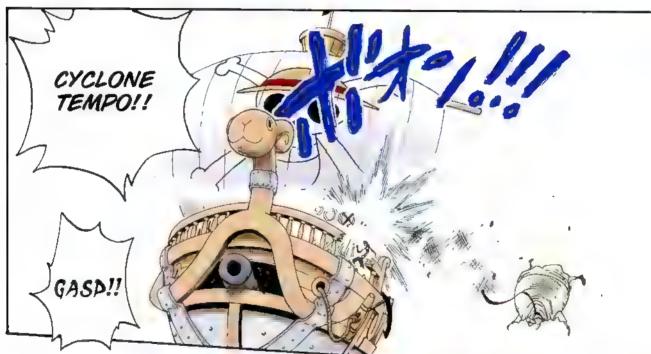


























- Q: Am I an ape or a prime ape?
- -- Masira the Odd Jobs Pirate A: You're a prime ape. All One Piece readers are prime apes! Wait, wait, everyone, don't run away. "Prime ape" is a compliment! Even if it doesn't really make sense...
- Q: Hi!! Eicchi! Eicchi, in volume 27, you had the nerve to say that the Jaya arc was about "a man's dreams." Well, I'll have you know that for 18 years I've lived my life as a woman! So what do you make of my "passionate love for adventure" and my "infinite dreams"?! Sheesh! Every page, every panel of your manga makes my blood boil!!! Take responsibility!! Please. ♥ It's time to step up and take responsibility! Start putting "woman" in there instead!

-- Her new eye co.

- A: A "woman's dreams"?! No, no, you're taking me too literally! I often use the word "manly" as an adjective. Even the most feminine woman has manly sides to her. In days past, such a woman has been called a "true woman." So let me shout it out--for both men and women, it's a "man's dreams"!! That includes women!
- Q: How do you do, Oda Sensei. ♥ I'll get right to the question. For my high school admissions interview, when asked the question, "Who do you respect?" I was going to answer, "Luffy," but my parents said that I'll make a fool of myself. But I really do admire and respect Luffy! Oda Sensei, please say something to my parents!

-- Usagi Ko♥

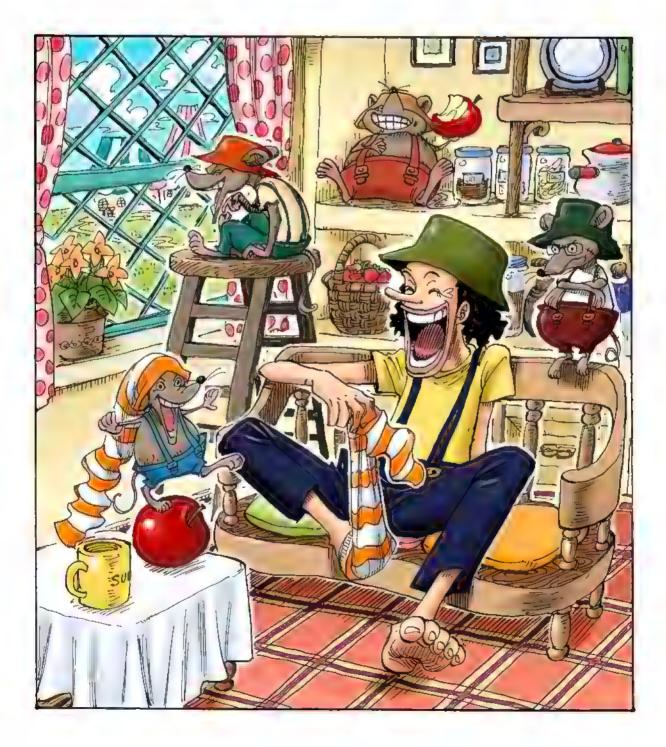
Hey now, Mom and Dad!! You sure don't mince words. You think admiring my Luffy makes someone a fool?!! That may be...

Anyway, see you in the next volume.

A:



Chapter 264: WARRIOR KAMAKIRI VS. GOD ENEL





















































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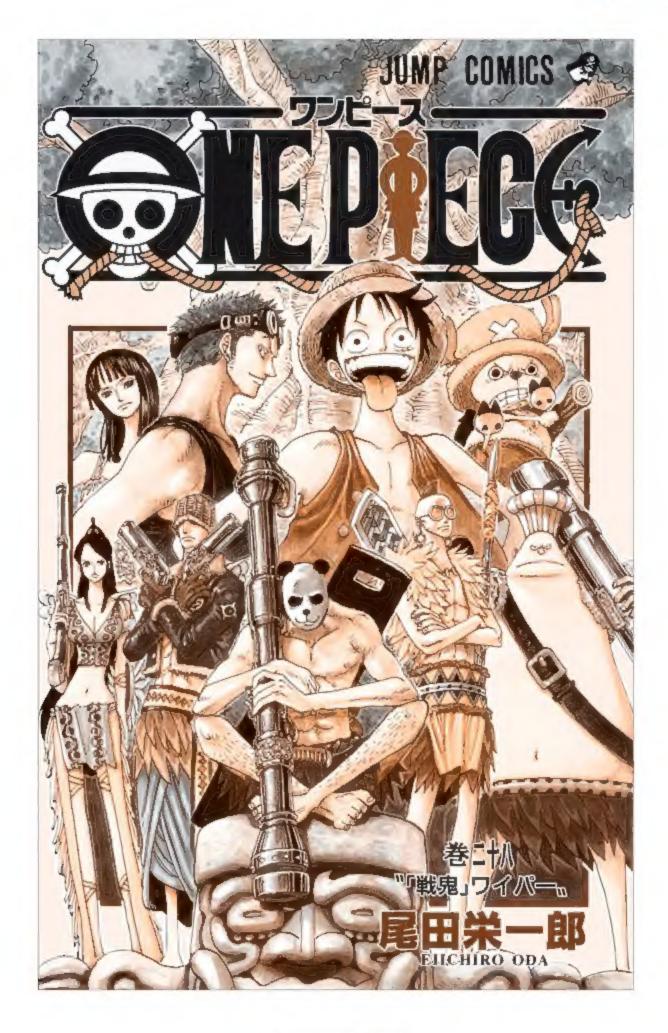
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